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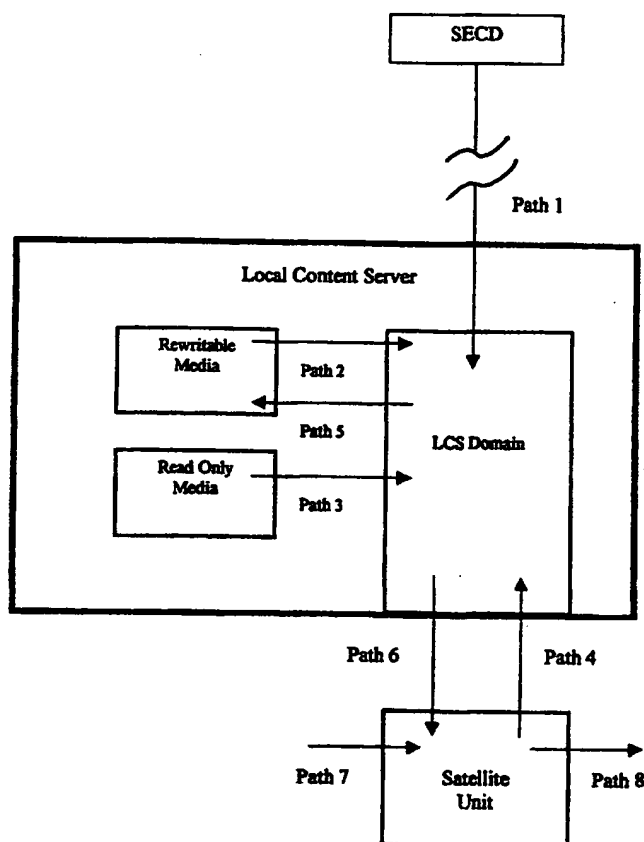
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(57) Abstract: A local content server system (LCS) for creating a secure environment for digital content is disclosed, which system comprises: a communications port in communication (Path 1) for connecting the LCS via a network to at least one Secure Electronic Content Distributor (SECD), which SECD is capable of storing a plurality of data sets, is capable of receiving a request to transfer at least one content data set, is capable of transmitting the at least one content data set in a secured transmission; a rewritable storage medium (Rewritable Media) whereby content received from outside the LCS may be stored and retrieved; a domain processor that imposes rules and procedures for content being transferred between the LCS and devices outside the LCS; and a programmable address module which can be programmed with an identification code uniquely associated with the LCS. Optionally, the system may further comprise: an interface to permit the LCS to communicate with one or more Satellite Units (SU).

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